

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 063713

64

ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAJ-01 EUR-12 IO-11 ACDA-10 SSO-00

NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

/086 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/IRN:0MORTON

APPROVED BY NEA/IRN:CWNAAS

NEA/WE:MR. SWIHART

----- 037805

O 162157Z MAR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS STATE 063713

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:PFOR, IR

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD WESTERN EUROPEAN
COMMUNIST PARTIES

REF: TEHRAN 2722

FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM SECRETARY'S MARCH 11 SPEECH TO BOSTON
WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL IS MOST RECENT STATEMENT OF U.S.
POLICY: QUOTE

OUR TIES WITH THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES ARE THEREFORE
NOT ALLIANCES OF CONVENIENCE BUT A UNION OF PRINCIPLE IN
DEFENSE OF VALUES AND A WAY OF LIFE.

IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT WE MUST BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNIST PARTIES COMING TO POWER - OR SHAR-
ING IN POWER - IN GOVERNMENTS IN NATO COUNTRIES. ULTIMATE-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 063713

LY, THE DECISION MUST, OF COURSE, BE MADE BY THE VOTERS OF

THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. BUT NO ONE SHOULD EXPECT THAT THIS QUESTION IS NOT OF CONCERN OF THIS GOVERNMENT, WHETHER SOME OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE IN FACT INDEPENDENT OF MOSCOW CANNOT BE DETERMINED WHEN THEIR ELECTORAL SELF-INTEREST SO OVERWHELMINGLY COINCIDES WITH THEIR CLAIMS. THEIR INTERNAL PROCEDURES - THEIR LENINIST PRINCIPLES AND DOGMAS - REMAIN THE ANTITHESIS OF DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. AND WERE THEY TO GAIN POWER THEY WOULD DO SO AFTER HAVING ADVOCATED FOR DECADES PROGRAMS AND VALUES DETRIMENTAL TO OUR TRADITIONAL TIES. BY THAT RECORD, THEY WOULD INEVITABLY GIVE LOW PRIORITY TO SECURITY AND WESTERN DEFENSE EFFORTS, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO EUROPE'S FREEDOM BUT TO MAINTAINING THE WORLD BALANCE OF POWER. THEY WOULD BE TEMPTED TO ORIENT THEIR ECONOMIES TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT TOWARD THE EAST. WE WOULD HAVE TO EXPECT THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH COMMUNISTS PLAY A DOMINANT ROLE WOULD, AT BEST, STEER THEIR COUNTRIES' POLICIES TOWARD THE POSITIONS OF THE NON-ALIGNED. THE POLITICAL SOLIDARITY AND COLLECTIVE DEFENSE OF THE WEST, AND THUS NATO, WOULD BE INEVITABLY WEAKENED, IF NOT UNDERMINED. AND IN THIS COUNTRY, THE COMMITMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE, JUSTIFIED THOUGH IT MIGHT BE ON PRAGMATIC, GEOPOLITICAL GROUNDS, WOULD LACK THE MORAL BASE ON WHICH IT HAS STOOD FOR THIRTY YEARS.

PLES AND DOGMAS - REMAIN THE ANTITHESIS OF DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. AND WERE THEY TO GAIN POWER THEY WOULD DO SO AFTER HAVING ADVOCATED FOR DECADES PROGRAMS AND VALUES DETRIMENTAL TO OUR TRADITIONAL TIES. BY THAT RECORD, THEY WOULD INEVITABLY GIVE LOW PRIORITY TO SECURITY AND WESTERN DEFENSE EFFORTS, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO EUROPE'S FREEDOM BUT TO MAINTAINING THE WORLD BALANCE OF POWER. THEY WOULD BE TEMPTED TO ORIENT THEIR ECONOMIES TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT TOWARD THE EAST. WE WOULD HAVE TO EXPECT THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH COMMUNISTS PLAY A DOMINANT ROLE WOULD, AT BEST, STEER THEIR COUNTRIES' POLICIES TOWARD THE POSITIONS OF THE NON-ALIGNED. THE POLITICAL SOLIDARITY AND COLLECTIVE DEFENSE OF THE WEST, AND THUS NATO, WOULD BE INEVITABLY WEAKENED, IF NOT UNDERMINED. AND IN THIS COUNTRY, THE COMMITMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE, JUSTIFIED THOUGH IT MIGHT BE ON PRAGMATIC, GEOPOLITICAL GROUNDS, WOULD LACK THE MORAL BASE ON WHICH IT HAS STOOD FOR THIRTY YEARS.

WE CONSIDER THE UNITY OF THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES CRUCIAL TO ALL WE DO IN THE WORLD. FOR THIS REASON WE HAVE SOUGHT TO EXPAND OUR COOPERATION TO AREAS BEYOND OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE - IN IMPROVED POLITICAL CONSULTATION; IN COORDINATING OUR APPROACHES TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EAST; IN REINFORCING OUR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES; IN DEVELOPING A COMMON ENERGY POLICY; AND IN FASHIONING COMMON APPROACHES FOR THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT DIALOGUE WITH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. WE HAVE MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN ALL THESE AREAS. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE. OUR FOREIGN POLICY HAS NO HIGHER PRIORITY. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, COMMUNISM, DEMOCRACY, SPEECHES, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, POLITICAL PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE063713
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: 0MORTON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760099-0576
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760355/aaaabwam.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 TEHRAN 2722
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 JUL 2004 by vandyklc>; APPROVED <19 JUL 2004 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES
TAGS: PFOR, IR, US, XT, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
To: TEHRAN
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006